

Buffaloes Hold 47th Annual Journal and Guide Norfolk, Virginia Grand Lodge Session in City

NORFOLK — The 47th grand edge session of the Benevolent Protective Herd of Buffaloes of the World, and Daughters of the Prairie convened for two days at the Longshoremen's Hall, Monday and Tuesday, August 9-10, with representatives present from Portsmouth, Newport News, and New York City.

port News, Va., grand exalted ruler; Dt. Carrie Kirby of Norfolk, grand vice exalted daughter; R. Carter, Norfolk, grand treasurer; Josh Hunter, Norfolk, grand advocate; Dt. Elizabeth Council, Portsmouth, grand priest; Dt. Lelia Perry, Norfolk, grand conductress; Dt. Charlotte Glover, New York, grand inner guard; Dt. E. Saunders, Portsmouth, grand outer guard. Grand trustees elected were Dt. H. B. Lofton, Dt. M. Marshall, and Dt. M. Green.

Grand Exalted Ruler J. Thomas Elliott of Portsmouth presided.

Preceding the opening of the business session the annual sermon was delivered Sunday night by the Rev. P. P. Eaton at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church.

STRIKING SCENE

At this service a striking scene was presented by the white robed Daughters of the prairie, and the children of the youth's auxiliary.

The young people marched to the church in a group, where a program was rendered in connection with the services.

Grand Exalted Ruler Elliott delivered the annual address. The welcome address was delivered by W. T. Whitley, and Dt. Mary J. Green, grand trustee made the welcome remarks.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Other participants included Dt. Catherine Jones, A. H. Goodman, Dt. Marie Marshall, Donnie Little, Dt. Katie Anthony, Dt. Lelia Perry, Henry Crockett, and Dt. Carrie Kirby. Selections were rendered by the Buffalo Quartet. The children were featured with choral singing during the rendering of the program.

Business sessions began Monday morning and concluded Tuesday evening. The Rev. R. A. Medley of New York, delivered the memorial sermon.

The closing hours were marked with festivities, when a generous dinner was served.

Lodges represented were Powhattan Lodge No. 2, A Thorogood, exalted ruler; Rose of Sharon Lodge No. 19. Mary J. Green, exalted daughter, and Ideal No. 2, Mary Kelly, exalted daughter.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers elected for the ensuing term were W. A. Simms, of New--

ATLANTANS TAKE LEAD IN ELKS CONVENTION

Atlanta, Ga. — Daily World
By S. GRACE BRADLEY

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The oratorical contest, a feature of the Elks Convention was held at the historic Central Baptist church on Wylie St., where thousands gathered to hear the orators discuss, "The Negro and the Constitution", and 16-year-old David Dudley, Washington, D. C., was the winner. Dudley won this most interesting of the week's events against five others, whose ability came within close range of the winner's. He as well as the other two boys and three girls won \$1,000 each and the J. Finley Wilson trophy went to David.

The six contestants were David Dudley, Washington; Betty Jeanne Esters, Indianapolis; Donald Todd, Denver; Addie Bivens, Houston; Maybyle Brown, Dover, and William Edward Tunstall, Atlanta, a student of Washington High, trained by S. Grace Bradley. William Tunstall won the second prize.

The program was opened with a processional, led by Grand Esquire, Eugene Sorral, California, the Honorable Grand Exalted Ruler, Roy Clunk, H. S. Brown, Grand and the Grand Daughter Ruler, Elizabeth Gordan, their cabinets and Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley Wilson, headed by the Grand Commissioner Major R. R. Wright, 88-year-old of Education, William C. Hueston, business tycoon of Philadelphia, Washington, D. C. Representing the department were three Atlantans, T. B. Elliott, regional director, Stanley E. Gore, state director, and S. Grace Bradley, assistant, who adorned the cap and gown, a tribute for service, worn by nearly three hundred members of the year's class in the educational department.

The Department of Education, Judge William C. Hueston, Grand Commissioner, held the spotlight at the 44th Convention of Elks with thousands in attendance.

T. B. Elliott, Stanley E. Gore and S. Grace Bradley led in the financial report at their annual meeting which featured Judge Perry Jackson, first Negro Judge in Cleveland, Ohio, as main speaker at Bethel A. M. E. church.

Atlanta, Georgia led all other cities. Prominent among those in attendance from Atlanta and from whose close affiliation was made known were Dt. Georgia Washburn, State Deputy, Exalted Ruler W. C. Weaver, who heads the Lodge 54, and prominent in fraternal affairs, Dt. Annie Kidd and M. Alexander.

Dt. Bessie Ware, the fourth delegate, formerly of Pittsburgh, died in Leesburg, Ohio while in route here.

announcements was made of the approximately seven million dollars worth of bonds, purchased through the efforts of the Exalted Ruler and his large aggregation of brothers and sisters throughout the land.

Tuesday evening the night parade drew millions of the street, perched in windows and hanging on ledges of towering buildings to witness the colorful parade, which painted all Pittsburgh "red" with envy of the beautiful array of costumes, floats, branches of the order, ranks, units and bands, which were history-making.

Leading were the officers, R. C. Dorsey, Baltimore, Md., accompanied by C. Jackson, local motorcycle officer, riding his first time in a parade of officers.

Each year the competition is keen for the audience and judges to select the best. This year was no exception as the large number of units, with military airs, pouring forth gusts of patriotic selections, and even "Blues of Beale Street," from the bands kept the marchers asted.

Elk 44th Convene Concerned With Post-War Racial Issues

PITTSBURGH—Seven thousand delegates from every state in the Union attended the annual conclave of Elksdom here, August 22-27, and subscribed to \$1,000,000 worth of war bonds.

R. R. Wright, Philadelphia banker, was the leader of the bond parade, tossing in a grand her with an honorary gift of a total of \$100,000 to start the Victory Sale.

Vital Problems

There was little contest for offices this year. The current problems Negroes are facing, and Elksdom's post-war activities took over the greater part of the serious business of the sessions. Both the Grand Lodge and the Grand Temple are vitally concerned with both issues.

Daughter Elizabeth E. Stout, running for Grand Daughter Ruler, following a brief count of votes, took the floor and after asking the delegates to withdraw her name, herself requested the nomination of the present incumbent, Daughter Elizabeth Gordon to succeed herself by unanimous vote. Daughter Stout was later given the high office of Past Daughter Ruler, the temple presenting

from all six sections into which the United States has been divided will speak on patriotic themes of special interest to the Negro and the country, and will receive scholarships in colleges and universities of their own selection for the next four years, if they measure up to the requirements. This Department, unique among fraternal bodies, has expended upwards of \$350,000 since 1924 in granting scholarship aid at college levels to hundreds of Negro boys and girls and the outlay has returned splendid results.

first time in many years, Pittsburgh, Pa. will be honored by the Grand Lodge and Grand Temple, Elks of the World, whose annual sessions will be held here beginning Tuesday, August 24, to culminate a record-breaking drive for the sale of Federal Defense Bonds and Stamps, which began at Philadelphia last year and has now reached approximately \$1,500,000.

called upon every lodge, Temple, R. Council and State Association to stage a Bond Drive. Dr. J. Finley Wilson, Grand Exalted Ruler during the past 21 years, has been touring the country, stringing up thousands of Elks to all-out bond subscriptions to government bonds to keep the American flag, and the known in fraternal annals, and American flier flying, our bomb-fortresses, pursuit planes, warships, submarines and unconquerable land fighters and merchant marine fully supplied with all that makes for victorious offense contests, which regional winners

Weekly Review
**Negro Elks Buy
Million and Half
Dollars in Federal
Defense Bonds and**

**STAMPS
ELKS TO INVADE
PITTSBURGH**

By John C. Minkins, Grand Reporter
PROVIDENCE, R. I. — For the



ELKS GIVE CIGARETTES TO SOLDIERS—In the picture is seen J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of the I.B.P.O.E. of W. (Elks) presenting Coluccio of P. Lorrillard Co., a check for cigarettes to be distributed at Christmas to Negro men and women serving overseas in the armed forces of the United States. Others in the picture are Mr. Myers of Liggett Myers Tobacco Co., from whom cigarettes were also purchased, Miss Rachael V. Corrothers, who heads the Elks Department of Public Relations and who directed the overseas cigarette project, and Mr. W. H. Lewin, exalted ruler of New York City.

Rights And Duties In A Democracy

Journal & Guide By LUTHER P. JACKSON
Norfolk, Va.

The Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

OF 150 YEARS or more Negroes in the United States have maintained a journal or benevolent societies to care for the sick and bury the dead. In the North, Prince Hall founded the first lodge of Masons in 1787 which soon led to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Masons;

Peter Ogden later founded the first lodge of the Odd

Fellows which likewise led to the organization of the Grand Lodge of Masons;

In Petersburg, for example, there was the Beneficial Society of Free Men of Color. Organized as early as 1815 this body re-

quired membership dues of 25 cents per month, paid sick bene-

fits of \$1.50 a week, and paid of the death benefits of fifteen dollars with an additional one-dollar per month for the wife of a member as long as she remained a "prudent widow." With the coming of the emancipation of the entire race in 1865 these societies multiplied by the thousands.

Some of the early societies were called burial societies thus emphasizing the fact that their chief function was to give aid in sickness and in death. Holding their meetings in secret and laying much emphasis on ritual, street parades, brass bands and gaudy regalia, these orders made a strong appeal to the social instinct of Negroes as they did to the oppressed of other racial groups.

OTHER PROGRAMS ADOPTED

They still make this appeal, but here and there in Negro fraternalism programs covering other needs of the race have been adopted. Aside from serving the very laudable purpose of giving help in time of sorrow and distress, some orders have branched out into the field of education and into the field of government.

Leading all other fraternal orders in this wider field of racial development is the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, the IBPOE of W. Annually the Elks stage oratorical contests and give scholarships to assist worthy stu-

dents in our colleges. Launching cents per month, paid sick bene-

Each of the Elks' lodges maintains a committee on Civil Liberties, meaning a committee to see that all members are qualified voters. Heading the committee for each state is a director of Civil Liberties.

CAUSE MOST RIGHTEOUS

I am an Elk and I am the Director of Civil Liberties for the State of Virginia. I received my commission a few months ago from the Grand Exalted Ruler, J. Finley Wilson, through the late lamented brother W. H. Crocker of Suffolk. As the state director of the forty-two lodges and councils in Virginia I shall do my best to whip every Brother Elk into line just as in the capacity of a school teacher I shall do my best to whip every fellow school teacher into line. The cause is most righteous.

The Elks have not talked voting; they have practiced it. In every city in Virginia today this fraternal body claims a larger proportion of the qualified voters than any other lodge or organization of any kind. These adventurous Elks have even entered

politics. In many places candidates for office find it necessary to call on them at the many homes because they possess the largest bloc of voters.

To other fraternal orders I would say "go thou and do likewise." Make yourselves like the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and you will greatly benefit the race and advance the cause of democracy.

Women Elks Put \$110,000 In War Bonds

Journal and Guide
Secretary Buena Kelley Berry Of Norfolk, Reports
Norfolk, Virginia
(Special to Journal and Guide)

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—That over \$110,000 in War Bonds and Stamps had been purchased by women Elks and that nearly four thousand of them are active in war time agencies were facts highlighting the annual report of the grand daughter secretary, Mrs. Beuna Kelley Berry of Norfolk, at the 41st annual session held here last week.

The report showed that there are 729 Elk women in government service, 1,819 in defense industries, 1,160 in volunteer services, 28 air raid wardens, 10 female auxiliary police, 221 nurses, and 5 WACs.

WELFARE DEPARTMENT

In addition to this imposing statistical achievement by the Grand Temple, widening of its social welfare program is indicated in the annual report of Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon, grand daughter ruler, who urged an extension of the child welfare department, contacting social service workers, truant officers, attendance officers, court officials, probation officers, and institution superintendents.

The annual session was presided over by G. D. R. Gordon of Washington, D. C.

The Grand Temple attended the annual session on addressed by the Governor of Pennsylvania and the mayor of Pittsburgh, when Maj. R. R. Wright of Philadelphia purchased War Bonds of \$125,000 maturity value.

Highlights of the session in-

City, was reelected grand trustee, together with Mrs. Sadie Grant of New York; Mrs. Cora Miles of Philadelphia; Mrs. Bessie Brown of Denver and Mrs. Alethya B. Williams of Washington, D. C. Others elected were Mrs. Kayte Steele, Chicago, grand recorder; Mrs. Ida R. Cummings, Baltimore, grand assistant recorder; Mrs. Nettie R. Carter, Staten Island, grand doorkeeper and Miss Agnes

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CONTEST WINNERS

Contest winners were: Miss Beale Street, Estelle Adams, first prize; Miss North Carolina, Agnes Conn., grand vice daughter ruler;

Reid, New York, grand organist; Mrs. Ann Webster Childress, Gary, Ind., and Mrs. Isabelle Fulltz, Philadelphia, were re-elected as grand directress and secretary-treasurer of arts and crafts.

In the education department, Mrs. Minnie T. Wright, Boston, was re-elected grand directress; Mrs. Ethel Charleston, Philadelphia, first assistant; Mrs. Pearl Brown, Baltimore, second assistant; Mrs. Margaret Kelson, Washington, third assistant.

Numerous awards were given at the grand ball.

A voice and vote in the Grand Temple for life were given Mrs. Mattie L. Howell, of Norfolk, and Mrs. Margaret Wooden of Hackensack, N. J.

The following were made honorary past grand trustees: Mrs. Agnes Garrett, Baltimore; honorary past grand chaplain, Rev. Josephine Brown, Washington, D. C.

Dispensation was granted J. Finley Wilson to speak for the Grand Temple February 1, at Philadelphia, on "Freedom Day."

The Grand Temple voted to reinstate in the National Council of Negro Women.

Installation of Grand Temple officers was done by Madams Edna Haynes, Rosa L. Blocker, Margaret Stoute, Effie Stewart, and Susie B. Williams.

Buys \$100,000 Journal and Guide War Bond At Norfolk, Virginia Elks' Conclave

6,000 Take Part
In Grand March
In Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Maj. R. R. Wright, president of the Citizens Savings Bank, maxed the first few days activity of the 44th annual convention of the Grand Lodge of W. here when at the public meeting addressed by municipal officials, he purchased war bonds of a \$125,000 maturity value.

Elks throughout the Continental United States, J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler, asserted in his 23rd annual address, have already been sold \$5,000,000 worth of war bonds.

Grand Exalted Ruler Wilson,

who, for service rendered in the promotion of War Bond sales, has been named a member of the advisory committee to the U. S. Treasury Department, told of having traveled 50,000 miles in this country, Cuba and the Canal Zone to establish new lodges. He explained he had burned scores of mortgages on Elks homes with a value of \$350,000.

The grand lodge and grand temple, got in full swing following the most picturesque and colorful parade in its history, and the formal awarding of prizes and trophies at the conclusion of the annual ball where 6,000 participated in the grand march led by Grand Exalted Ruler J. Finley Wilson and Mrs. Wilson.

Lining the streets to view the parade were nearly 80 per cent of Pittsburgh's 75,000 Negro inhabitants, swollen by thousands of whites to whom world Elk fame has spread. Salves of applause greeted the paraders as they climbed and descended Pittsburgh's semipiternal hills.

Reelection of Grand Secretary James E. Kelley of Birmingham, Grand Treasurer Edward W. Henry of Philadelphia, and Grand Commissioner of Education William C. Hueston, was unanimous following their annual reports that revealed substantial progress for the past year. A balance of more than \$68,000 was reported in the treasury and large gain in memberships announced.

BUSINESS SESSION

Discussions in the business sessions concerned recommendations that (1) the balance of the sinking and other funds be invested in Series F War Bonds; (2) that the lodge support every movement designed to promote training of Negroes in industrial, arts, craft and other trade occupations; (3) that moral support be given Negroes who attempted to secure union affiliation; (4) that group insurance for Elks be studied; and (5) that "open bars" in Elk homes be eliminated.

Other features of the opening of the convention was an address by Dr. William J. Thompkins, recorder of deeds for the district of Columbia and chairman of the health commission, who expressed fears "lest the success of the allies be endangered by failure to keep ourselves physically fit."

Dr. Thompkins said that although "we now have 4,000 or 5,000 physicians, we need 8,900 more. But any Army call for say 100 more Negro physicians would greatly endanger the health of our Negro population." He urged

that dentists distribute themselves among smaller areas where they are sorely needed rather concentrating as in the past on large urban districts.

INDIANA GIRL TOP WINNER IN ELKS' CONTEST

Chicago Defender
Chicago, Illinois
Betty Esters Acclaimed
Champion Orator Of
Six States

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Competing for a \$1,000 scholarship of the seventeenth annual oratorical contest of the Elks, held here Sunday, were six young women, one each from the states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Wisconsin. Before a capacity audience at St. Matthews C.M.E. church they offered the keenest competition since the beginning of the contests in 1926 according to judges of the event.

The winner, Miss Betty Esters of Indianapolis, had chosen as the subject of her oration: "Negro Rights Under the Federal Constitution."

The annual regional oratorical contest officers had selected Milwaukee for the 1943 session at its last meeting in Detroit, last year. National officers of the Order and the rank and file of Elksdom were guests of Cream City Lodge 423 and Juneau Fidelity Temple 247 I.B.P.O.E.W., sponsors, both of this city.

Presiding at the contest was Daughter Katye H. Steele, grand recorder and state directress of Illinois, of Chicago, who was assisted by Wisconsin state directress, Daughter C. Del Brown. C. Del Ruy, P.E.R., was in charge of arrangements at the request of James A. Parrish, regional director, Third Region.

Running second best as a feature by a close margin was the music of the afternoon. A mass choir, organized by Daughter Helen Reid, past daughter ruler, and directed in her absence by Capt. S. C. Mendoza. The choir was composed of members from each of the church choirs in the city.

Visiting Elks included Guy W. Blain, state president, Indianapolis, Ind., Robert Rudd of Chicago, state director of Illinois, W. Rankin Lewis of Lansing, Mich., Mesdames Eunice

I. O. St. Luke Puts \$57,000 In War Bonds

Norfolk, Va

Trustee Board Gets Reports At Richmond Meeting

RICHMOND—Within the past year the Independent Order of St. Luke has purchased \$57,000 worth of War Bonds, according to a report rendered at the meeting of the trustee board held here at the home office on August 17.

The report also showed the order to be in a sound financial condition with a solvency of 106.50 per cent.

The mortuary department reported no unpaid claims against the order, and the medical examiner's report showed the amount of claims during the biennial period totaled \$61,640.78.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was rendered by the right worthy grand secretary and Dr. W. M. Hughes, medical examiner, gave the mortuary report.

The board met in lieu of the 1943 general convention of the order which was scheduled to meet in this city on August 17, but was cancelled in an effort to minimize the transportation situation in cooperation with the war program.

THOSE ATTENDING

Attending the board meeting were the trustees, grand officers and a number of key field workers, representing the 18,000 membership.

Reports were rendered by Chief Supervising Deputy John S. Collins, Mrs. Mamie T. King, juvenile directress, and Miss Eugertha B. Johnson, special field representative.

The numerical report showed a decided gain in both the juvenile and adult departments. The trustees report was made by J. Thomas Hewin.

In the absence of a general convention the trustees voted that all grand officers and trustees retain their respective positions.

SALES CLINIC

While the board was in session a sales clinic, under the direction of Mr. Collins, was being conducted. Charles H. Smith, assistant manager of the Virginia Mutual Life Insurance Company, gave a most constructive sales talk.

ADDED TO BOARD

Mrs. Mary F. Jennings, Portsmouth, was added to the trustee board to fill the unexpired term of Rev. O. J. Allen. Mrs. Jennings is a very outstanding civic worker and federated club woman and has been identified with the organization for a long number of years.

The board went on record as endorsing the "National Hold Your Job Week"—September 12-18—and the abolition of the poll tax. Recognition was taken of the passing of Trustees O. J. Allen and W. T. Johnson who died since the last biennial session.

An elaborate dinner was served to all, and the table made a beautiful picture which formed a "cross," the emblem of the order. While dinner was in progress prizes were awarded for the most constructive work accomplished.

Mrs. Bessie W. Taylor, Washington, D. C., of the trustee board; Mrs. Sarah H. Page, P. W. R. G. Chief of the grand officers group; Kimbal, W. Va., and Mrs. Margaret Green, Hartford, Conn., of the field workers group, received prizes. Mrs. N. F. Walker, R. W. G. secretary, was recipient of a beautiful bouquet presented by the office force. Mrs. Lillie M. Hall, R. W. G. chief, received honors for the state of Wisconsin, which won the victory banner from Washington, D. C., for the largest net membership increase for the past two years. The annual awarding of the victory banner to the winning state was one of the features of the great interest among the workers.

The meeting adjourned late Tuesday afternoon, closing one among the very best conference meetings held in a long number of years.

Mrs. Nellie Wynn, of Portsmouth, grand officer of the juvenile department was present for this conference.

Knights Of Pythias, Negro Lodge, Meets In Convention Here

Chancellor Says Nation Must Remain United Despite War's Stresses

The 56th Grand Lodge session of the Knights of Pythias carried on by Alabama Negroes and the Grand Court of Calanthe opened here Tuesday with a large delegation, representing every section of the state.

Oscar W. Adams is grand chancellor of the Order of Knights of Pythias, and is presiding at the session. Mrs. Epsie J. Wood is grand worthy counselor of the Court of Calanthe.

The feature of the first day's session were the reports of lodge officers and committees.

Every department, the reports indicated, made substantial increases. According to A. G. Benning, grand keeper of records and seal, attendance this year is larger than at any time in the last decade.

All sessions of the lodge and court are being held on the sixth floor of the Pythian Temple. The meeting is scheduled to close Wednesday night or early Thursday.

A large audience attended the welcome program at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church Tuesday night. The city government, churches, fraternal orders, business and the professions gave welcome to the delegates and visitors.

Asst. City Atty. Ralph Parker made the welcome address on behalf of the city of Birmingham; the Rev. Dr. W. H. Perry on behalf of the churches; A. G. Gaston on behalf of business and professional men. The response was made by W. A. Martin, of Auburn, grand vice chancellor of the order; Mrs. Thelma Green sang a solo and the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church choir furnished music.

AN IMPRESSIVE PART of the program was the memorial services to deceased members, which was in charge of the grand prelate, the Rev. Dr. G. Howard Levant. Others contributing were Miss June Minor, who sounded taps; Bishop B. G. Shaw, supreme prelate of the Knights of Pythias, and Joe Edwards, of Moments of Meditation program fame, who rendered a solo, "I'll Let Nothing Separate Me From His Love."

Following the program a banquet was held in the church.

In his message, Oscar W. Adams, who is grand chancellor of Alabama and supreme chancellor of

the Pythians of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, in speaking of the war crisis, said:

"Our enemies are trying to destroy our form of government. They are going far enough to deny us the right of exercising the freedom of Christian religion. This is the most devastating war the world has ever known. The Negro needs America today as never before, and America needs the Negro. There can be no reason for separation at this time. We must hang together or we will surely die by separation."

"AS NEGROES WE HAVE a great part to play in this world struggle. We must continue in loyalty, in forbearance, in faith, trust and sacrifice. The success and gains already made by the American Negro were made along these lines, and whatever may be said or whatever difficulties may confront us, cannot be compared, with the prejudices and meannesses we would be compelled to endure if for any reason whatever we should lose this war."

"Whatever troubles America has are our troubles. In every war involving this country, from our first great leader, George Washington to our present president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, the American Negro has been found doing his part in defense of his country."

"I repeat, now as never before America needs the Negro, and the Negro as never before needs America. Bullets and bombs from machine guns or planes know no color lines or sections. Our country is in a death struggle, we must stay on the firing line and fight until it is all over, over there, and all over, over here."

Birmingham, Ala., News
July 4, 1943

BY OSCAR W. ADAMS
There is great rejoicing on the part of the Knights of Pythias of the jurisdiction of Alabama over the remarkable session of the 56th Grand Lodge which closed in Birmingham late last Wednesday afternoon.

The meeting opened Tuesday morning, and the partial report of the committee showed 29 lodges answering roll call, with more than 150 delegates and past chancellors attending. The Grand Court Order of Calanthe was in session at the same time of the Pythians, and both meetings were held on the sixth floor of the Pythian Temple at 310 North 16th Street. Oscar W. Adams is head of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, as well as supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, and presided at the meeting. Mrs. Epsie J. Wood presided over the Court of Calanthe as grand worthy counselor of Alabama.

On Tuesday night's program, Asst. City Atty. Ralph Parker made the welcome on behalf of the city

government; Dr. W. H. Perry, on behalf of churches; A. G. Gaston for business and professional men. Officers of the Grand and Supreme Lodge and Grand and Supreme Court of Calanthe were introduced. The Metropolitan Church choir rendered music and Mrs. Thelma Green, a solo; Dr. G. Howard Levant offered invocation. Sir W. A. Martin, vice grand chancellor of Alabama, responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge and Professor C. G. Christian was master of ceremonies.

Fifteen members of the organization made up the roll of deceased during the last fraternal year, and these were eulogized in services under the direction of the grand prelate, the Rev. Dr. G. Howard Levant. Contributing to this service were Bishop Benjamin G. Shaw, supreme prelate of the Knights of Pythias who made invocation; the Rev. Dr. W. H. Perry, read the scripture; Soloist Joe Edwards, of the radio program Moments of Meditation, sang "I'll Let Nothing Separate Me From His Love." "Taps" was sounded by Miss June Minor, and a eulogy delivered by the grand prelate.

H. Strawbridge, endowment secretary-treasurer, reported gross assets admitted of the Grand Lodge to be \$364,196.97 with non-admitted assets on real estate and bonds of \$272,923.55, leaving total admitted assets of \$91,273.42. Reference was made to the gradual increase of membership in the endowment department.

Dr. A. S. Mitchell, grand medical registrar, discussed the health of the Negro in Alabama and how necessary it is to do something about the high death rate. The grand medical registrar showed an increase of membership of 236 with 272,923.55, leaving total admitted assets of \$91,273.42. Reference was made to the gradual increase of membership in the endowment department.

The Grand Lodge pledged its continuous support and loyalty to the United States government. In his annual message the grand chancellor paid a tribute to the American soldier and the American people in the present world crisis and reaffirmed the loyalty of the Knights of Pythias to the flag and the government of the United States.

The Grand Lodge elected for its officers:

L. J. Lewis, past grand chancellor, Montgomery, Ala.; Oscar W. Adams, grand chancellor, Birmingham; W. A. Martin, vice grand chancellor, Auburn; Rev. G. Howard Levant, grand prelate, Pratt City; A. G. Benning, grand keeper of records and seal, Birmingham; E. G. Moore, grand master of exchequer, Birmingham; A. L. Davenport, grand master at arms, Birmingham; Will McGee, grand outer guard, Bessemer; W. A. Stover, grand inner guard, Birmingham; Dr. A. S. Mitchell, grand medical registrar, Birmingham; Henry Mat-

thews, grand marshal, Evergreen, Ala.

Board of directors: E. B. Clarke, Gadsden; P. W. Echols, Mobile; R. A. Ross, Montgomery; T. D. Mitchell, Maben; Tracy Pruitt, Sheffield; H. D. Morris, Brundidge; A. J. Robinson, Birmingham; Jesse Harris, Opelika; John Nicholson, Florala, Ala.

Board of endowment: George Dobbs, Birmingham; George W. Oliver, Bessemer; David Kelley, Huntsville; A. G. Gaston, Birmingham, and G. S. Norman, endowment secretary-treasurer, Birmingham.

Supreme representatives are Oscar W. Adams, A. G. Benning, L. J. Lewis and E. G. Moore.

The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet the last Tuesday in June, 1944, in Birmingham.

Birmingham, Ala., News
August 29, 1943

What Negroes Are Doing

BY OSCAR W. ADAMS

That the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia is making substantial progress in its program of friendship and benevolence, was never more strongly indicated than at its 32nd biennial session closed last week in Louisville, Ky.

When the roll was called, 27 states reported, and showed a gain of 12,000 members since the session held in Chicago in 1941.

Oscar W. Adams, of Birmingham, is supreme chancellor, and presided at all sessions.

Fine entertainment provided for the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court by the local committee in Louisville and by the Grand Lodge of Illinois included the barbecue, welcome program and social entertainment at Shelbyville, more than 30 miles out of Louisville on the estate of Grand Chancellor George W. Saffell, Jr., of the jurisdiction of Kentucky.

More than 300 Pythians and Calanthes made the trip. The welcome program was presented at the A. M. E. Church, under auspices of Shelby Star Lodge No. 74. An address was delivered by the mayor of Shelbyville, R. F. Matthews. Supreme Chancellor Adams responded.

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In the membership campaign, the winner of the first prize of \$150 was the Jurisdiction of Texas, with R. A. Hester, grand chancellor. Ohio came second, winning \$100 cash, with Sully Jaymes, grand chancellor; Mississippi, third, with \$75 cash award, W. H. Randolph, grand chancellor.

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The Supreme Lodge officers were installed by the past supreme chancellor, Sir S. W. Green, and the Supreme Court officers by Sir W. D. Crawley, supreme worthy counselor.

After a heated contest between Boston, Mass.; Philadelphia, Pa., and Columbus, Ohio, for the next biennial session, the city of Columbus, Ohio, won and the Supreme Lodge adjourned to meet the third Tuesday in August, 1945.

Delegates from 47 states attended. W. V. J. Will Cooper, supreme keeper of records and seal Mich.; W. H. McGill, Jacksonville, Fla., supreme attorney. Heading important committees are Atty. George W. Lawrence, of Chicago, Ill.; Sully Jaymes, Columbus, Ohio. W. A. Payne, of California, is chairman of the Education Commission, and O. M. Travis, of Louisville, supreme director of the youth department.

Chancellor Adams in his annual report revealed that 12,000 men had joined the order since the Chicago session in 1941. Columbus, O., was chosen for the next session to be held in August, 1945. Other officers elected were Walter Saffell, Jr., supreme attorney. Jones Allen, Philadelphia, Pa., Elected Head Of K. Of P. Philadelphia Tribune (ANP) Oscar W. Adams of Birmingham was re-elected supreme chancellor during the 56th biennial session of the Supreme Lodge.

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Supreme Lodge Of Order Had Great Kentucky Session

Report Increase In Membership of 12,000 In Past Two Years; Oscar W. Adams And Staff Re-elected; 300 Delegates In Attendance

LOUISVILLE, Ky., August 26—more than 300 delegates and friends of the Supreme Lodge Order were entertained with a big barbecue on the estate of Grand Chancellor George W. Saffell, Jr. The Mayor of the City of Shelbyville, Ky., and the Judge of the Circuit Court delivered messages of welcome to which Supreme Chancellor Oscar W. Adams responded. Supreme Chancellor Adams made the welkin ring when he called attention to the kind of association necessary to the perpetuity of government and a more liberal cooperation in the vances of education. Continuing he said, "If ever we need to stick together as race, work together and share the burdens of each other in a liberal and patriotic way, it is now. Full and complete cooperation must be had from every direction and from all."

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Oscar W. Adams Re-elected Knights Of Pythias Head

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Columbus, O., Gets 1945 K. of P. Biennial

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Masons Ask Democracy For U.S.

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Mr. Fitzhugh was elected to the board of trustees to fill the unexpired term of Alfred Nixon who died last week.

Mayor Welcomes Body
Mayor Theodore McKeldin welcomed the grand lodge to the city Monday, and J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of Elks, represented his order at the convention.

A \$900 mortgage balance on the Temple was paid off during the session.

Delegates were:
TOWSON
Howard Blake, George Carroll, Walter Woods.

CAMBRIDGE
Joseph F. Chester, Josiah Henry, Jr.
MITCHELLVILLE
John W. Wallace.

BALTIMORE
John H. Murphy, Jr., George H. Fitzhugh, William Nelson, James A. Johnson, Elmer West, John Spain, E. Carroll, R. W. Tolson, Donald Reid, Harry Mitchell, Harry E. Bennett, William E. Hammond, P. P. Williams, Walter, Gersham.

PRINCESS ANNE
R. A. Grigsby, L. H. Martin.
PRINCE FREDERICK
John W. Curtis, Oliver Shurbert, Benjamin Tyler, Joseph H. White.

OWINGS
Robert Jones, James Gray, Henry Taylor, Stephen Reed, P. J. Hamilton.

MOUNT AIRY
Thomas C. Hay, Arthur M. Luby, Willie O. Myers.

DENTON
Willard H. Brown.

SALISBURY
J. F. Walker, W. G. Langston.

POMONKEY
J. T. Slater, J. W. Key.

CRISFIELD
C. E. Hearn.

PAROLE
William E. Fletcher.

ANNAPOLIS
J. T. Chambers, Ezekiel Thompson.

OXFORD
Isaac Owen.

WESTMINSTER
Luther Gibson.

EASTON
Harry Dobson.

CHESTERTOWN
Avon Spriggs, Elmer T. Hawkins.

CATONSVILLE
Solomon Hilary.

ADELINA
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SEVERNA PARK
Theodore W. Kerr.

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Alabama Masons Elect

Officers At Convention

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—The Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama, headed by Charles V. Hendley as grand master, closed its 65th annual communication here late Wednesday afternoon with election of officers.

The entire staff of officers was re-elected, after the Grand Lodge had approved the propositions offered by the grand master, and the installation was carried out by Dr. Charles Stewart of Portsmouth, Va.

The list of officers follows:

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Shriners Close Session In Chicago

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St. Louis, Mo.



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CHICAGO, Ill.—The forty-third annual session of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine and Biennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knight Templars of North America concluded a successful assemblage at the Parkway Community Center, here Friday, August 20. Delegates numbering more than 600 attended, representing 120 units and more than 8,000 members.

Pictured above, left to right are: Robert H. Harper of Chicago, Ill., General Chairman of the General Convention Committee; Raymond E. Jackson, New York City, N. Y., Imperial Potentate, Past Master New York State, National Representative American Federation of Musicians 33°; John Wesley Dobbs of Atlanta, Georgia, Past Imperial Potentate, Grandmaster state of Georgia 33°; Charles C. Quander of New York City, N. Y., Imperial Recorder, Past Grandmaster New York State, Capt. Reg. New York State Guard 33°; Attorney Joseph Givens of Pennsylvania, Imperial High Priest and Profit, Deputy Grand Master state of Pennsylvania, Asst. State Attorney General Pennsylvania 33°.

Seated are: Mrs. Laura Henrichson of Baltimore, Maryland, Imperial Treasurer; Mrs. Beula L. McKay, Imperial Commandress of Oklahoma City, Okla. Mrs. Sadie E. Barnes, Imperial Recorder of Newark, New Jersey.

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R. Jackson Is Re-Elected

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The Imperial Council and its appendant bodies have already started toward a very high goal of defense bond purchases. Adjournment will be Friday.

Grand Officers elected up to time of this release were as follows: Nobles Raymond E. Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y., Imperial Potentate; Zack Alexander of Charlotte, N. C., Deputy Imperial Potentate; A. L. MacKay of Oklahoma City, Okla., Imperial Chief Rabbah; Joseph L. Alexander of Los Angeles, Cal., Imperial Assistant Rabbah; Joseph W. Givens of Pittsburgh, Pa., Imperial Oriental Guide; Charles D. Freeman of Washington, Del., Imperial Oriental Guide; Charles D. Freeman of Washington, D. C., Imperial Recorder. Other officers were yet to be elected.

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Shriners' Convention In Chicago August 5

SHRINE LEADERS ATTEND CHICAGO CONCLAVE

NEW YORK, July 22—Raymond E. Jackson of Buffalo, N. Y., has issued the call for the Nobles of the A.E.A. Order of the Mystic Shrine, to meet in the city of Chicago, August 5 to August 7, to celebrate the 50th annual session of that body. Arabic Temple, No. 44, will be host to the caravans.

Robert E. Harper, 4841 Forestville avenue, and Levi Morris of 417 East 47th street, room 351, are the chairman and secretary of the general entertainment committee set up to facilitate handling the many visitors expected.

Grandmaster John C. Ellis of the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois has invited Prince Hall Masons and their auxiliary bodies, male and female, to hold their biennial sessions at dates simultaneous with the Shrines.

These include, among others, the international conference of Grand Masters of Prince Hall Masonry, of which John W. Dobbs, Grand Master of Georgia is presiding; the grand encampment of the Knights Templars, under the jurisdiction of Grand Commander John D. Hubert; the Royal Arch and the Daughters of Isis.

Defender
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Hundreds of Masonic leaders are in Chicago attending the fiftieth anniversary and the forty-third annual Imperial Council session of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, held at Parkway Community center, 5120 So. Parkway. Final session of the conclave is Friday. Shown above at one of the

meetings, are: A. L. McKay, supreme chief rabban, Oklahoma City; Mrs. A. L. McKay, imperial commander, Daughters of Isis, Oklahoma City; Raymond E. Jackson, imperial potentate, Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles D. Freeman, imperial treasurer, Washington D. C., and James A. Jackson, imperial publicist.—Photo by Myles.

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The Imperial court, Daughters of Isis, had about 250 members in attendance. Arabic Court No. 21 was hostess to the Imperial court. Daughter Fannie Johnson of Chicago is the Illustrious Commandress. On Tuesday evening a reception was given by the Past Illinois Commandress' council of Arabic Court No. 21, Dr. Elizabeth Graves, past imperial commandress, chairman of the council being in charge.

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Omegas Stress Post-War Business At Region Meet

ATLANTA, Ga.—The sixth annual meeting of the Seventh District, Omega Psi fraternity, which meets here November 6 and 7, will feature a panel discussion on "The Negro in Business in the Post-War Period." Panel speakers will be Elmer M. Lancaster, U.S. Department of Commerce, James T. Taylor, of the Raleigh, N. C., regional office, OPA, and J. B. Blayton, Atlanta certified public accountant.

The discussion will take place in an opening meeting Sunday afternoon at the Providence Baptist church, the Rev. C. D. Hubert, pastor. Eta Omega, graduate chapter, will be hosts, and the undergraduate chapters, Psi and Omicron, will assist.

Business sessions will be held in the university dormitory lounge and the administration building, Clark college. Delegates and visiting college Omega men will be housed in the Atlanta university dormitory.

Eta Omega chapter is celebrating achievement week during the week preceding the conference and at the closing session awards will be made to leading Atlanta business men, to the outstanding Omega man in the city and in the district.

The next meeting will be held in Savannah the last week in April, with Mu Phi chapter as host.

of Wheat Street Baptist church, Atlanta, a non-fraternity man, was awarded the achievement scroll as Atlanta's outstanding citizen for 1943 and Prof. C. L. Harper, president of the Georgia State Teachers' association, was named the most outstanding Omega man, "Mr. Q", in Eta Omega, the host chapter, for 1943.

Omega Psi Phi Holds District Meet in Atlanta

Bee —Chicago, Ill.

ATLANTA, Nov. 18. (ANP)—

"The Negro in Business in the Post-War Period," was the main topic of discussion at the seventh district meeting of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity, held at Clark college, here Saturday. Eleven chapters were represented by delegates and 12 by reports; J. H. Calhoun Jr., Atlanta, was re-elected district representative.

At an achievement week program, held at the Providence Baptist church, Elmer Martin, Lancaster of the U. S. Department of Commerce, Washington; James T. Taylor, OPA official, Raleigh, N. C., and J. B. Blayton, Atlanta OPA, discussed the topic, "The Negro in Business in the Post-War Period."

The group recognized W. S. Allen, Iota Omega chapter, and Oscar Adams Jr., Gamma Psi chapter, Talladega college, as the district's most outstanding Omega men. Alpha Phi, Birmingham, and Psi, Morehouse college, Atlanta, were named the outstanding chapters. The Rev. William Holmes Borders, pastor

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Advertiser Montgomery, Ala. Dr. Logan To Speak In College Auditorium MAY 2 1943

Dr. Rayford W. Logan, dean of the graduate school of Howard University of Washington, D. C., will speak in Tullisbody auditorium of the State Teachers College on Tuesday at 8 p.m., on the subject "Problems of Citizenship and the Negro." His message is one which should be of interest to everyone and the public is urged to hear him. There will be no admission charges.

Dr. Logan is national president of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and came as the guest speaker for the Tuesday night meeting which will be the mass meeting for the 10 chapters of the fraternity at the opening of annual Education For Citizenship Week.

Recently Dr. Logan went on a mission of good will for the United States Government to the countries of the Caribbean. Out of his experiences on this tour which lasted six months, he will speak Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock on the subject, "Contributions of Negroes to Latin America." Although the Wednesday morning meeting is being held at the regular college assembly hour, there will be plenty of seats for all friends who can attend at this hour.

Dr. Logan is a graduate of Harvard University and is considered one of the most eminent historians of the race. He is especially interested in all problems relating to the improvement of the economic condition of all members of his race and his messages here will present inspiration and information as well. He is acquainted with all phases of negro life all over the world and his experiences include his residence in the "Black Republic" of Haiti for several years.

Advertiser Montgomery, Ala. Negro Achievement Week Opens Sunday

A public program Sunday at 7 p. m. at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church will feature the annual observance of Negro Achievement Week sponsored by the chapters of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity throughout the country.

The program here will be a presentation to the Montgomery public of Jesse B. Blayton, certified public accountant and pro-

fessor at Morehouse College and Atlanta University.

The theme of this year's observance is "The Negro in Business," and the local chapter, of which Prof. T. H. Randall is basileus, has attempted to present as a speaker one who is himself an example of a successful Negro in business.

Mr. Blayton is actively identified in Atlanta with practically all of the enterprises which are organized to improve the economic status of the Negro in the community. Active in affairs of the National Business League, Mr. Blayton is also a grand officer of the fraternity which is presenting him. The program will also include contributions from some of the other Greek-letter groups of the city and promises to be an evening of great benefit to the public which is invited to share this first feature of the observance this year. Rev. Ralph W. Riley is pastor of the church.

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Baltimore, Md.

Kappas Score Army, Navy Abuses; Re-elect Johnson

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Members named to the grand board of directors are Dr. R. Eu-

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gene Clarke, Cincinnati; Dr. R. L. Jones, Charles, W. Va.; Lucien L. Holman, Meharry Medical College; Guy L. Grant, Indianapolis, Ind.

Omegas Open Regional Daily World Atlanta, Georgia Meeting This Morning

Prospects for a successful meeting of the Seventh District, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity opening today at Clark College, are enhanced by the expected arrival this morning of Attorney Z. Alexander Lobby of Nashville, Tenn., Grand Basileus of the organization. Also expected to arrive are: Mifflyn T. Gibbs, New York City, Vice Grand Basileus, and Emmer Martin Lancaster, Adviser on Negro Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., who will participate in the panel discussion Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock at Providence Baptist Church. James T. Taylor, OPA official, another discussant will arrive Sunday.

This morning greetings will be extended to the conference by M. R. Anstell, District Marshall, Rev. J. E. Garnett, Basileus of Eta Omega, the host chapter, President J. P. Brawley, of Clark College, and Miss Evelyn Thomas, corresponding secretary of the Pen Hellenic Council.

St. Louis, Missouri New Building Is Gift From A Fraternity

BOURBON, Mo., Aug 28-29—Registration of delegates will begin this morning at nine o'clock in the lobby of the Administration Building, Clark College, with the first business session to follow at ten o'clock in the audio-visual room on the ground floor. At 12:30 p. m., the meeting will recess for a photograph, an informal reception sponsored by the Atlanta Pan Hellenic Council, in the Atlanta University Dormitory Lounge, and the Morehouse-Clark double homecoming football game. Business sessions will be resumed at 6:00 p. m., with an informal dance at the Top Hat Club scheduled from 8:00 a. m. to 12:55 p. m. Sunday morning the undergraduate chapters, Beta Psi Clark College, Omecron, Gammonspite of Theological Seminary, Psi, Morehouse College, and Tau, Atlanta University, will be hosts at breakfast at the Servicemen's Center, 1000 Hunter Street, N. W. Helping War Effort

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Those at the annual conference be for three days instead of two. The conference demanded that the third and character playing. Those at season at Camp River Cliff

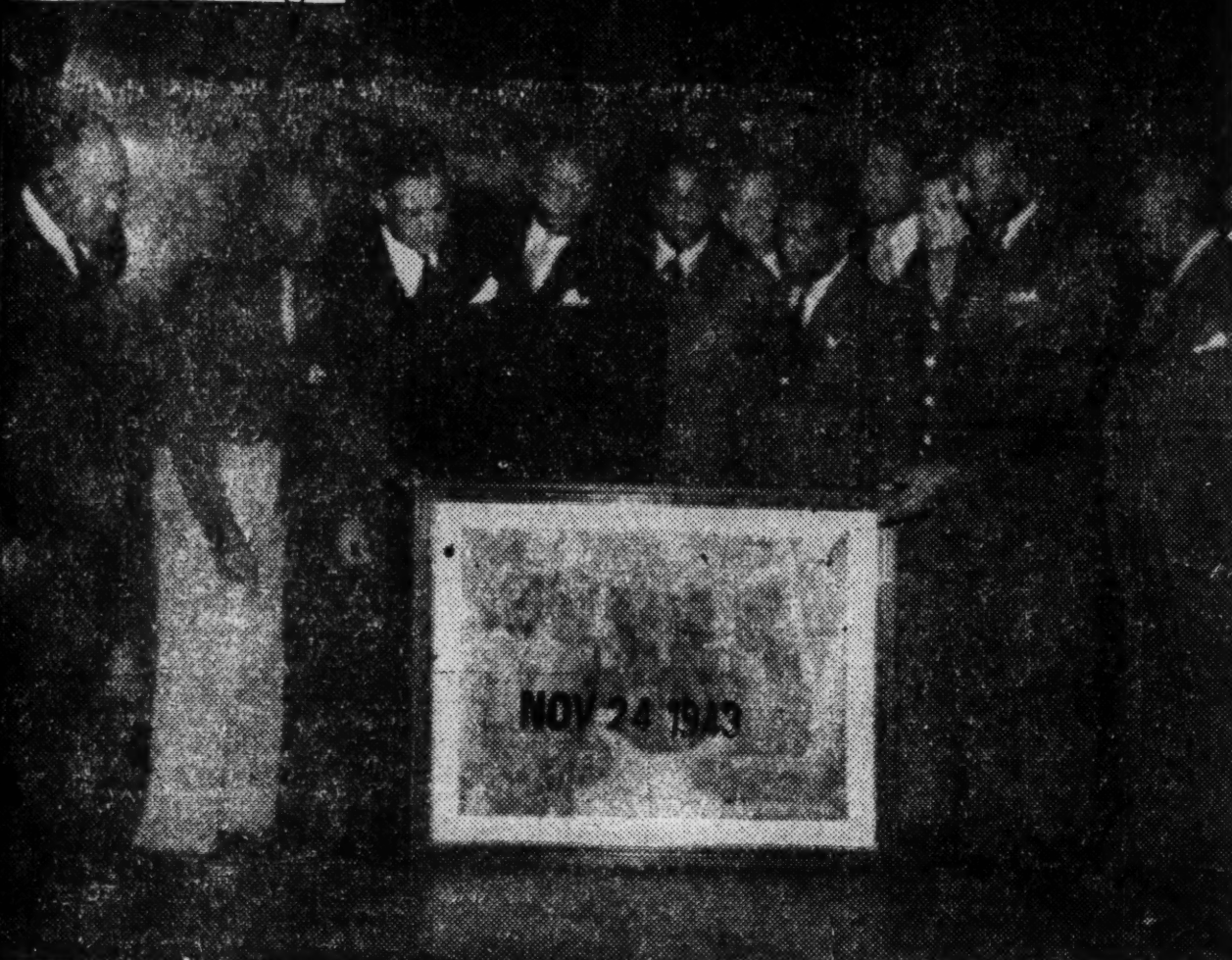
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Tuskegee Airfield Presented Painting

Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia



At a recent program at the Tuskegee Army Air Field, a painting, representing the "Spirit of Tuskegee" by the eminent artist Hale Woodruff, was presented to the Post. The painting which was presented to Captain Fred Minnis, Special Service Officer, (second from left) by Dr. Richard Billings of Atlanta, Ga., (second from right) was a gift of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity of which Minnis is national president. The gift will be placed in the Service Club at this station.—(Photo by AAF Training Command)

Delegates To 33rd Annual Conclave Of Kappa Alpha Psi

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St. Louis, Missouri
Nelson M. Willis, Chicago, Ill.; Henry S. Wilson, Louisville, Ky.; Floyd F. Wilkerson, Dallas, Tex.; J. Ernest Wilkins, Jr., Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Milton C. Wright, Jefferson, Mo.; Charles S. Ransom, Chicago, Ill.; Elbert W. Strothers, Baltimore, Md.; Leon Ransom, Washington, D.C.; J. A. Reed, Jr., Lawrence, Kan.;

Cleveland, Ohio; Charles B. Payne, Charleston, S.C.; Jerome Peters, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Joseph L. O'Neal, Chicago, Ill.; Eugene R. Moore, East St. Louis, Ill.; James A. Mitchell, N. Webster, Mo.; J. Bristow, Okla.; Dr. David R. McGee, Wichita, Kan.; S. Sgt. Cornelius A. Ladner, Houston, Texas; Frank C. Lyrus, Cleveland, O.; Howard Squat Johnson, Little Rock, Ark.; Nelson C. Jefferson, Kansas City, Mo.;

Mo.; Clay H. Jones, Jr., Chicago, Ill.; J. S. Hunnicutt, Topeka, Kan.; Lucian H. Holman, Nashville, Tenn.; Lincoln Jay Harrison, Baton Rouge, La.; Victor L. Hicks, Detroit, Mich.; Harold T. Gassaway, Cleveland, O.; G. James Fleming, Philadelphia, Pa.; F. E. Franks, Indianapolis, Ind.; R. Eugene Clarke, Ohio; Joseph A. Craigen, Detroit, Mich.; W. M. Allen, Chicago, Ill.; Thomas E. Ashe, Mt. Hope, Dr. I. Theodore Donaldson, N. Y. David D. White, Columbus, O.; J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago, Ill.; DeFrantz R. Williams, Chicago, Ill.; R. S. Stout, Louisville, Ky.; James E. Scott, Washington, D.C.; M. G. Stevens, Kansas City; Joseph E. Snowden, Chicago, Ill.; Theodore Rowan, Louisville, Ky.; Thomas E. Rusan, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.; Augustus G. Parker, Cleveland, O.; Lawrence O. Payne, Cleveland, O.; Ulysses G. Plummer, Kansas City. Theodore R. Owens, Detroit, Mich.; Paul G. Matthis, Chicago, Ill.; Bellver B. Moore, Chicago, Ill.; Julius L. Morgan, Chicago, Ill.; William H. McClaskew, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. James E. Levy, Cleveland, O.; Raymond M. Jones, Washington, D.C.; James E. Anderson, Wichita, Kan.; W.

L. D. Johnson, Houston, Texas; R. C. Jones, Charleston; Ernest K. Jones, Scotlandville; A. Maceo Hair, Jackson; Vivian A. Harris, Ohio; G. Hawkins Smith, Chicago, Ill.; John E. Hines, Chicago, Ill.; Careton B. Goodlett, Nashville, Tenn.; W. Howard Fort, Columbus, O.; Lawrence Carroll, Chicago, Ill.; William S. Cooper, Cleveland, O.; T. L. Cunningham, Louisville, Ky.; James Allen, Columbus, O.; Victor J. Ashe, Norfolk, Va.

Edgar G. Brown, Washington, D.C.; Otis M. Buckner, Chicago, Ill.; Sidney Bartwell, Detroit, Mich.; Oliver W. Tyller, Washington, D.C.; Percy H. Lee, Kansas City; George S. Barnes, Chicago, Ill.; L. Shelbert Smith, Bob Kelley, A. Lester Woodson; Willis Stewart, Chicago, Ill.; Wilfred B. Bozeman, Jr.; Tyree J. Baefield-Pendleton, Nashville, Tenn.; George M. Bland, Chicago, Ill.; Robert E. B. G. Girard T. Bryant, Kansas City; R. M. Van Dyne, Flint, Mich.; Lester Barry, Jr.; R. Clyde Minor, Milton Green, Nashville, Tenn.

St. Louis Alumni Chapter

Charles H. Anderson, John E. Anderson, Jr., William J. Beatty, W. H. J. Beckett, Kenneth Billups, Dr. Frederick W. Bond, Frank E. Bowles, Elwood Buchanan, Dr. Wallace B. Christian, Everett H. Colbert, John Davis, Evans, Ellsworth J. Evans, Lucian P. Garrett, Thomas Gates, Herbert Duckett, Creamus M. Curtis I. Gordon, Dr. Roscoe C. Haskell, Andrew S. Jackson, Edw. T. Johnson, Virgil Lucas, Clarence Marshall, Dr. Raymond Merry, Dr. S. D. Miller, Dr. Wm. D. Marmon, Ollie N. Morris, John R. Nallor, Louie F. Orr, Horace P. Payne, Henry T. Reams, George L. Samuels, James H. Smith, Wayman F. Smith Jr., William T. Smith, Chester E. Stovall, Frank M. Summers, William E. Taylor, Fred L. Teer, Dr. John J. Thomas, Dr. Arthur M. Townsend, Lewis Virgil Williams, Matthew Williams, Dr. Edgar F. Woodson, Elmer V. Mosee.

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St. Louis, Missouri

Fraternity Takes Action On Problems

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Grand Chapter meeting here on Sunday, at the same time that Attorney Carl R. Johnson, Kansas City, Mo., was reelected for the third consecutive year.

Action Is Taken

After listening to a report of its National Problems Advisory Committee, the fraternity also took the following action: (1) It condemned the continued refusal of the armed services to enlist Negro nurses although the Army, for example, needs 60,000 nurses. At present, only 202 Negro nurses are attached to the Army. (2) It deplored the continued failure to use Negro soldiers as combat troops and the breaking up of trained Negro units like the 184th Field Artillery, formerly the Eighth Illinois Regiment. (3) The "undemocratic attitude" of commanding officers in most camps who fail to give protection to Negroes in uniform, and who fail to correct untold discriminations both at the hands of other soldiers and civilians, was also deplored. (4) It recommended the enactment of Congressional legislation which shall provide that every member of the armed forces shall be subjected only to military law for any offense allegedly committed against a state while in the uniform of the armed services. (5) It authorized that the fraternity take steps to join with other agencies to correct the many grievances which Negro soldiers suffer and the continued discrimination against the full use of Negroes in the Army and Navy.

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Miss Bradley Is Heard At Tuskegee

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Baltimore, Md.

Sorority Plans Campaign Against Child Delinquency

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Beginning Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Alpha Xi chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority with Mrs. L. M. Drew as chairman, celebrated its Finer Womanhood week with a series of activities here.

The opening program was held at Washington Chapel A.M.E. church of which Rev. J. B. Moore is pastor.

Miss S. Grace Bradley, member of the Epsilon Zeta chapter, Atlanta, was the principal speaker.

Introduced by Mrs. Marie Williamson, basileus, Miss Bradley was pointed out as a leader of women in religious and fraternal groups. Her activity in the fraternal world, Mrs. Williamson stated, has been far-reaching since she was responsible for the first Greek letter group of the Pan-Hellenic Council to gain recognition on a college campus in the southland.

Miss Bradley spoke forcefully to a large and appreciative audience concerning "New Frontiers of Action" and advocated that sound homes, teamwork in industry and a united nation would lead us to victory.

The activities Tuesday consisted of folding bandages at the Red Cross Center, after which an impressive pledge service was held at the home of Mrs. Bennie Mae Rankin, former basileus.

Initiation was held Saturday at the home of Mrs. Marie Williamson.

Social affairs for the week consisted of a musical tea Sunday evening at "The Oaks" featuring representatives of all fraternities, and sororities and a party Saturday evening honoring Zetas by the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Plans to conduct a campaign against juvenile delinquency were drafted when presidents of Middle Atlantic Region chapters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority met at the Pyramid Club on Saturday.

A seminar on "Problems of Youth" was conducted by Miss Ruth A. Scott, regional director. Each chapter will attempt a specific task to reduce juvenile delinquency during the war and post-war periods. This work will be projected in a workshop that will take place at the annual Regional Conference to be held in NYC during May, 1944.

Attending the conference were: Mrs. Edna O. Gray of Baltimore; Mrs. Sophie Fowler of Washington; Mrs. Leathe Hemachandra and Miss Aretha McKinley of NYC; Mrs. Olive Polk of Roselle, N.J.; Miss Josephine Adams of Howard University; Miss Irene Wood of Miner College, D.C.; Miss Bernice Chester of Morgan College; Miss Margaret Wilson of the University of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Doris DeBerry of Temple University; Mrs. Viola Meekins and Miss Ruth A. Scott of Philadelphia.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority serves not only its members, but the entire Negro race, which in turn serves our Nation. This grand organization, which is the first to be organized among Negro girls, is making history through its National Projects. These National Projects are paying tremendous dividends for Negroes in money, opportunity, recognition and service.

One of these projects is the Alpha Kappa Alpha Non-Partisan Council on Public Affairs. This project maintains a lobby in Washington, D. C. which constantly contends for the rights of

Negroes. Among the advantages this project has gained for Negroes are:

1. Saved Negro women of America about \$12,000 per year by getting the rents lowered on the Dormitory for Negro women in Washington.

2. By taking the initiative in getting a non-discriminatory amendment in the Nurses Training Act — an act appropriating \$45,000,000 for training Nurses Cadet Corp, Negro Nurses should get approximately \$5,000,000 (without the amendment, they would probably have gotten \$2,000,000). In addition to this it gives Negroes in non-segregated areas the privilege of applying for Nurse Training in hospitals heretofore closed. This is the FIRST and ONLY anti-discrimination amendment in this session of Congress.

This project took the initiative in the admission of Negro women into the WAVES. Whether they will be integrated as the Alpha Kappa Alphas have insisted and bent every effort on achieving, or whether they will be segregated, remains to be seen. BUT THEY WILL BE ADMITTED.

The Alpha Kappa Alpha's Mississippi Health Project has raised the health standards of thousands of people, thousands of disease ridden bodies cured, pain relieved, and dental care given. Thousands of persons are healthy today because of the lectures on nutrition and disease prevention given through this humanitarian project.

If only these gains had been accomplished (instead of hun-

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dreds of others — too numerous to mention) the Negro Race is justified in its praise of, and its pride in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Graduate Chapter Of Delta Sorority Organized In S. C.

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Courier

Pittsburgh, Pa.

ORANGEBURG, S. C., Sept. 9—Alpha Tau Sigma, a graduate chapter of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, was organized at Orangeburg, S. C., recently. Eleven enthusiastic ladies were initiated into the fold of "Delta" in the picturesque "Y" Hut of South Carolina State college. Mrs. Minerva Johnson, Nashville, Tenn., southern regional director of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, very impressively performed the initiation rites, assisted by Sorors Helen Sheffield, Cassandra Maxwell, Clemmie Webber and Mamie Thompson.

Following the initiation ceremonies, a banquet was held in the State college cafeteria.

Initiates were Mrs. Elizabeth Calhoun, Mrs. Cora Green, Miss Marjorie Kelly, Mrs. Rosa Harris, Mrs. Aletha Lewis, Mrs. Dollis Johnson, Mrs. Rosa Odum, Miss LaVerte Reed, Mrs. Edith Vaughn, Miss Beatrice Thompson, Miss Trudelle Wimbush.

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS

Officers of the new chapter, Alpha Tau Sigma, are Mrs. Helen Sheffield, president; Mrs. Clemmie Webber, vice president; Miss Mamie Thompson, recording secretary; Miss Rosamond Alston, corresponding secretary and journalist; Miss Cassandra Maxwell, treasurer; Mrs. Maudest Squires, sergeant-at-arms; Miss Trudelle Wimbush, parliamentarian.

The guests present, from Beta Sigma, Columbia, Sorors Horatio Nelson and Wilhelmina Madden. Beta Alpha Sigma, Charleston, Sorors MaeDe Brown and Julia DeCosta. Alpha Xi, undergraduate chapter at State college, Sorors Frances Simkins, Floried Coleman, Aurella Jones, Ruth Reid, Daisy Houston, Louisa Smith, Florence Pequette, Thelma Moore, Madeline Clagett. Epsilon Sigma, Baltimore, Soror Aretta Carter.

New York, N. Y. Sorority Drops Race Ban

The Ohio State University chapter of Mortar Board, senior women's honorary society, has initiated Gwendolyn Brown, its first Negro member, following a vote by all chapters of the Board to adopt a policy of non-discrimination. Previously, an unwritten rule permitted the admission of other than white girls "only in exceptional cases."

Alpha Kappa Alpha Releases Contents Of The Lanham Act

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 9.—Although few people without pipes to Washington realize it, there exists among the welter of "war" legislation, the Lanham Act under which grants may be made in crowded war areas for the construction and improvement of schools, hospitals, health clinics, venereal disease detention homes, recreation centers for members of the armed forces and war workers, waterworks, sewage systems, street access roads to war plants, army camps, and other types of public works.

According to the Alpha Kappa Council on Public Affairs, which Alpha's National Non-Partisan released the information this week, the Act also provides for grants of funds for the maintenance and operation of day camps and nursery schools, recreational programs for members of the armed services and war workers, and city public works, such as garbage collection, fire protection, etc.

In releasing the contents of the Act, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Council emphasized its importance to Negro communities where facilities may be limited or obsolescent, and pointed out that both private and public non-profit agencies are eligible to receive loans under the Act.

However, the AKA Council stated, a private agency must be a non-profit one, and all applications for grants of funds will be investigated by the Federal Works Agency (FWA).

The FWA is responsible for building or improving the need-survey is made and a claim set Agency, Washington, D. C. Mr. for facilities either directly or by forth, the Office of Community War Trent, who is in the office of the making grants to applicants. Services of the FWA is required to administrator of the FWA, reviews In recognized war centers, the lo-investigate the claim and certify claims from war centers to deter- mine whether the needs of Negroes are being met. Further information about the Lanham Act and its provisions may be obtained from the AKA Non-Partisan Council at 961 Florida av.

A. K. A. Sorority Plans Future Health Campaign

Amsterdam News

The National Health Committee of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is holding a series of meetings at the Harlem YWCA to plan a unified program through which two of their projects can function. The sorority has been carrying on a National Non-Partisan Council which is situated in Washington, D. C., and which maintains a lobby in the Capitol, as well as the Health Project, which has functioned in Mississippi to gain and maintain a decent level of health among underprivileged people of the state. The traveling health clinic, which was maintained in Holmes County, was not conducted this summer because of the curtailments due to the war.

and instead the committee is in meeting here making work with that of the Non-Partisan Committee.

New York, N. Y.

Aid Dixie Poor
Norma Boyd, director of the Non-Partisan group, and Thomasina Johnson, legislative representative, spent one session during the meetings in discussing ways in which the two national projects could be joined.

The provisions of the Lenham Act was discussed and it was decided that both groups would co-operate in circulating the data regarding funds available from the government for health employment in rural communities. It is necessary that these communities be notified of the correct procedures to follow so that they may take advantage of these funds before the time of application expires.

Ida Jackson of Oakland, Cal., founder and director of the health clinic is conducting the meetings. Other members of the health committee are Zelma Watson of Los Angeles; Ruth Scott, Philadelphia; Ella P. Moran, Washington, D. C.; Irma Clarke, Chicago; Ruth A. Handy, Brooklyn, and Louise McDonald, First Anti-Basileus of the A.K.A. Sorority and Co-ordinator of Projects.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorors

Making Delinquency Study

New York, N. Y.

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Mrs. Williams outlined the work of the Board of Education in dealing with this problem in its special experimental school at P. S. 101. Mrs. Bolden described the work of Judge William Jackson's Bureau, the Harlem Layery, the Radio Project, the Mt. Morris Music School, and the Junior Guardsmen; she emphasized the need for volunteers in recreation planning.

Mrs. Leathe Hemachandra, chapter basileus, presided and

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MEMBERS OF THE A.K.A. group which is meeting here include from left to right, front, Mrs. Ruth Handy, Mrs. Ida Jackson, Mrs. Norma Boyd and Mrs. Thomasina Walker Johnson. Back row: Mrs. Louise McDonald, Miss Ella Payne Moran and Miss Louise Gueneue. — M. Smith photo.

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Out-of-town sorors were Viola Lewis Waiters of Dayton, Ohio, and Soror King of Virginia State University.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Continues Study

Of Juvenile Delinquency Problem In New York

New York, N. Y.

The meeting of the Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority was held in the social room of the Harlem River Houses, 56 Macombs place with Mrs. Leathe Hemachandra, the basileus, presiding. The subject of the meeting, "Problems of Young People in Our Community and What we can do to help in their solution," proved most interesting as well as informative.

Speakers of the day as introduced by the chairman, Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle, were: Miss Viola Phoenix of the Hudson Training School for Girls who emphasized the importance of preventative measures and rehabilitation so that delinquents do not become chronic offenders; Mrs. Marion Smith Williams, second anti-basileus of Tau Omega Chapter, who outlined the work of the Board of Education in dealing with this problem in its social experimental school at P. S. 101; and Mrs. Gertrude Bolden, first anti-basileus of Tau Omega Chapter, who described the work of Judge William Jackson's Bureau, the Harlem Training School, the Mt. Morris Music School and the Junior Guardsmen. She emphasized the need for volunteers in planning for recreation.

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The business of the sorority will be conducted by the national officers and through national committees, according to Mrs. Parker. Most important of these committees are national defense, Mrs. H. Corinne Lowry, Denver, Colo., chairman. The regional representatives are Miss Ann LaFoe, Chicago; Mrs. Ruby G. Embry, Cincinnati; Mrs. Ada M. Battle, New York City; Mrs. L. E. Coleman, Dallas, Texas.

Public affairs, Mrs. Maeme R. Brock, Louisville, Ky., chairman. Regional representatives are Miss Elsie W. Lewis, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Jeannette T. Price, Toledo, Mrs. Alethea B. Frazier, Jacksonville, Fla.; Legislative committee, Mrs. Maybel G. Clifford, Washington,

D. C., chairman. Regional representatives are Mrs. Bessie A. J. L. Copeland, Hopkinton, N. Y.; Mrs. Miss Bobbe B. McEntair, N. Y.; Mrs. Marjorie R. Elliott is civil service chairman and Mrs. Wadelle O. Farmer, Atlanta, Ga., is publicity director.

Co-operatives and Credit unions, Mrs. Stella P. Davidson, Cleveland, O.; Miss Matilda L.

LEADING AKA SORORS MEET AT ST. LOUIS

Pittsburgh, Pa.

SORORITIES



Some of the visiting Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors who were in St. Louis for the Central Regional convention last week are shown in the photo. Estelle Massey Riddle of New York, who was the principal speaker at the convention luncheon, can be seen seventh from the left. Soror Blanche Patterson, regional directress, is on Mrs. Riddle's right and Soror Mildred Jenkins, bassileus of Gamma Omega chapter, St. Louis graduate chapter, stands at Soror Riddle's left.

Eastern Regional Conference Draws Prominent Women

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Iota Phi Lambda sorority brought its Eastern Regional conference to a successful conclusion Sunday night, with a well-organized program plotted for the coming year, and some 50 energetic business and professional women geared to action.

With a total of 13 delegates and 20 visitors from chapters in the Northern and Eastern regions, the national sorority devoted the week-end to business sessions, followed by a social hour at Leardi club. Mrs. Tolanthe E. Sidney, Eastern Regional directress, presided at all sessions, and led the discussion on "The Negro Woman Plans for the Post-War Period," which was Saturday's theme.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Among the delegates to the Regional conference were: Virginia Lambert and Edna Salmon, Theta chapter, Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y.; Olla Jenkins, Ada M. Battle and Tolanthe E. Sidney, Omicron, New York City; Nellie B. Hopkins, Theresa Archer and Jane Bosfield, Gamma, Washington; Margaret McCaden, Bernice Welling, Kappa, Baltimore; Rose Barry, Phi, Montclair, N.J.; Vivian P. Robinson and Beatrice H. Bayless, Pi chapter, Pittsburgh.

Among the many visitors who attended the sessions were: Lucille B. Culpepper, Alpha Kappa, Columbus; Parthenia Murdock, Doris Haywood, Josephine Wallace and Evelyn Wilkey, Kappa, Baltimore; Frances Williams, Theodosia Skin-

ner, Epsilon, Cleveland; Maxine E. Broyles, Zeta, Detroit; Ruth A. Travis, Alpha Mu, Akron; Wilma Underwood, Lucy Battle and Mari-lee Hilson, Alpha Mu, Youngs, and from Pittsburgh's hostess chapter came Jeanne S. Scott, Florence Ball Jones, Mary Lawson, Margaret Shaw, Estelle Briggs, Helen Prattis, Mary Cole Gould and Helen Miller Morrison.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorors Hold Central Regional Meeting

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—More than 75 Alpha Kappa Alpha sorors attended the tenth annual conference of the Central Region held November 13 in St. Louis, Mo. With the sessions taking over the rooms of the Phyllis Wheatley YWCA, the delegates accomplished a great deal of constructive work in the streamlined program.

Taking part in the panel discussion presented during the luncheon hour were Miss Blanche L. Patterson, director of the Central Region who presided over the sessions; Mrs. Lillian Mosee, who talked on the economic culture of the Negro and its effect on society in general.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DISCUSSED

Miss Thelma Gibbs of Carbon-dale, Ill., discussed juvenile delinquency and urged increased recreational facilities as a possible aid in curbing it; Mrs. J. Ernest Wilkins of Chicago spoke on education; Mrs. Ethel Williams, consultant in industrial relation for the Twin City Ordnance, Minneapolis, Minn., who is serving in an industrial center, employing 17,000 war workers, gave an overall picture of industry as it affects Negroes.

Also on the panel were Miss Martha Horner, Indianapolis, Mrs. Albe Hayes, Terre Haute, Ind., and Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle, consultant of the National Nursing Council for War Service in New York.

MRS. BIDDLE TALKS WELL

Mrs. Riddle, who has been much in the news regarding the new Cadet Nursing Corps and who has urged colored girls to turn to nursing as a career, spoke of the effects of the post-war on the soldier and the civilian.

Beta Alpha chapter of St. Louis was awarded the achievement cup for undergraduates, while the graduate award went to Theta Omega chapter in Chicago.

Terminating the conference, was a formal dance, jointly hostessed by AKA and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, which was holding a national conclave in St. Louis the same weekend.

AKA'S TO GIVE LOBBY BALL AT PARADISE, JAN. 14

Globe and Independent
Parade Of Colored Business Firm To Be Feature Of Sorority's Affair

Nashville, Tenn.
A Lobby Ball will be given by the Alpha Delta Omega, Graduate Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at the Paradise Ballroom on Friday, January 14. A special feature of the ball will be a parade of Nashville business.

The ball here is a part of a nation-wide program sponsored by the Sorority in connection with its National Non-Partisan Council on

Public Affairs. The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has the unique distinction of being the only national Negro women's organization in America with a full time office and staff devoted entirely to public affairs and paid for by their own funds. It takes credit for getting a non-discriminatory amendment through the U. S. Senate without a dissenting vote. The amendment was to the National Nurses' Training Act making an appropriation of \$45,000,000.00. This is said to mean that Negro women in America will get about \$5,000,000.00 instead of perhaps \$2,000,000.00. This same organization claims credit for getting rents reduced in Girls' Dormitory, saving Negro women of America about \$12,000.00 per year. It greatly aided in the passage of the Act appropriating \$30,000.00 for a shrine at the birthplace of George Washington Carver as well as the many other achievements which might be listed.

The National Office, located in Washington, welcomes visitors and gives free advice to individuals or groups on lobbying and "How Congress Works."

Listed among the objectives of the Council are: To get legislation passed which will benefit Negroes. To establish relationships with heads of governmental departments in order to influence policy making that will insure integration of Negroes. To educate and encourage effective public participation in civic, political, economic and educational activities. To assist in every way possible in the integration of our people in all phases of our national life. To abolish "second class citizenship"; to get jobs and housing for women, to cooperate with other organizations of similar nature.

Miss Nell F. Hawkins, assisted by Mrs. Mildred Freeman and others on the committee are planning an outstanding program for Nashville and its vicinity.